

10 MAY 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Presidential Briefing Memo on NATO-Warsaw Pact
Balance Forces

1. The President asked me on 9 May for a briefing memorandum on NATO-Warsaw Pact Balance Forces--something he might use in preparation for the NATO Summit. He thought MBFR would be an important topic in connection with the NATO Summit. He would like to understand succinctly the comparisons between forces. Brzezinski mentioned that all this was going to be part of the presentations given at the Summit and the President said that he would then like to read those presentations in advance.

2. As you know, I do not think those presentations will give him what he is looking for. I would like to turn full effort on pulling together a succinct NATO-Warsaw Pact comparison that gets to the guts of the problem--the briefing we really should be giving at the NATO Summit.



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